Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Are the Government in the habit of enquiring into the reasons why merchants are shifting from one place to another?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is it not on profit that the Excess Profits Tax is levied?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is 60 per cent on the excess profits over and above the normal profit.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: The excess profit is enjoyed because of the convenience in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes, quite so.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, if the merchants in Mattancheri are going to shift themselves from Mattancheri to other places, then there will be an appreciable reduction in the tax, even in the income-tax?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: That is a hypothetical question.

AIR RAID SHELTERS, ERNAKULAM—EXPENDITURE OF

33. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred on account of the construction of air raid shelters in the town of Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Works estimated to cost Rs. 17,424 have been completed. Payment to the extent of Rs. 9,633 have been made.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: May I know how much it is spent for Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Is it constructed at any other place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: In Mattancheri we have got air raid shelters.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Is it existing in any place other than Mattancheri.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No. It is in Ernakulam and Mattancheri alone.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Is there any proposal to have it in other places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. At Irinjalakkuda, Trichur and Kunnamkulam.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: When will it be started.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I can't say exactly. Estimates are being prepared.

RICE—PURCHASE OF BY GOVERNMENT

34. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur)*: Will Government kindly state.—

(*a*) if purchase of rice on behalf of the Government is continuing now;

(*b*) if not, has Mr. T. R. Subramanya Ayyar reverted to his permanent post;

(*c*) if Mr. T. R. Subramanya Ayyar has not reverted, will Government kindly state the nature of the work he is doing now;

(*d*) will Government be pleased to state the pay of Mr. T. R. Subramanya Ayyar was getting before his new appointment and the pay he is getting now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Inspecting depots yet remaining to be closed, checking and tabulating the accounts of depots already closed and about to be closed and settling claims of parties to whom monies are due.

(*d*) Before the new appointment Rs. 230 in the Rs. 150—250 grade. Now Rs. 210.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: He was getting Rs. 230. Now he is getting only Rs. 210. Why, was he punished?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There was some punishment.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR THE BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY AND THE MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING COLLEGES, MADRAS

35. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state the names of students selected for admission into Benares Hindu University, Madras Medical College and Madras Engineering College, respectively for the last 5 years along with the names of other applicants submitted for the same?

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